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Torrance, California
November 14, 1950

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, November 14, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Also present was City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of October 31, 1950, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Chief of Police Stroh urging immediate steps be taken to provide larger quarters for the Police Department; blanket wage increase; and partial payment by the City for Reserve Officers uniforms. Discussion followed, resulting in a motion by Councilman Spelman that the matters be referred to the next agenda meeting for study and that Mr. Stevens present preliminary plans for remodeling of the Police Station and a new Fire Station. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Civil Service Board urging Ordinance No. 527 be amended to grant vacation and sick leave to temporary employees with six months or more service. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. At Councilman Powell's suggestion, motion was amended to include a request of such temporary employees with six months or more service for discussion at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Department of Recreation advising of resignation of Charles Wallace from the Recreation Commission and recommending that replacement be made on recommendation of the Torrance School Board. Councilman Powell moved the resignation be accepted, that the Mayor prepare a letter of thanks for Mr. Wallace, and that the School Board should submit their recommendation of a representative on the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Department of Recreation requesting appropriation of \$700 for Christmas parties in the various districts. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion and action at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Y.M.C.A. expressing appreciation for use of the Auditorium on November 4th for the "Good Neighbor Breakfast". Matter of record.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following named personnel be appointed from the Civil Service eligible list to the position of Firemen, effective on the dates indicated, at the compensation designated as the first bracket for Firemen:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Jay V. Nielsen -----	Sept. 1, 1950
Edgar F. Polston -----	Sept. 26, 1950
Donald G. Loy -----	Oct. 7, 1950
Jerry R. Hollomon -----	Oct. 14, 1950
Charles L. Robertson -----	Oct. 16, 1950
Ralph G. Collins -----	Nov. 5, 1950
William Russell -----	Nov. 16, 1950

2. That Nelson P. Hawks be granted a two-weeks leave of absence, from November 13th to the 26th, inclusive, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Chamberlain and the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the installation of a new roof on the Library Building, the sum of \$763.00. (From Library Fund)
2. For the erection of a fence between the Rome Cable Corp. property and the City Yard, the sum of \$435.00. (One-half the cost of the fence. From Unappropriated Reserve.)
3. For the purchase of a new motor for a Reo bus, the sum of \$331.39

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary Ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

1. STOP sign on Border Ave. at Arlington Ave. to stop west-bound traffic.
2. That a cross-walk be installed across Carson St. at Fern Ave. for the convenience of children attending Fern Ave. School.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2116

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF THAT CERTAIN PERMANENT EASEMENT RESERVED IN THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PALOS VERDES PARKWAY.

Councilman Powell moved the Resolution be deferred to the next Regular Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, and the number was stricken.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2116

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY TO SERVE TRACT NO. 14529.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2116. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2117

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM ROME CABLE CORP.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2117. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2118

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2118. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2119

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL COMPANY.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2119. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Clerk Bartlett read the titles of two proposed "pinball" ordinances and Councilman Powell asked that the first one be given a number and read in its entirety. Clerk Bartlett then read in full urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 539

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE USE AND PLAYING OF CERTAIN COIN-OPERATED MACHINES BY MINORS.

Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 539 at its first and final reading. Councilman Blount asked that the other ordinance be read before any vote was taken. Councilman Spelman seconded the motion*of Councilman Powell. Councilmen Blount and Spelman then withdrew their motion and second. Councilman Powell's motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: Drale and Powell. NAYS: BLOUNT, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Spelman moved that the second ordinance be given a number and read in full. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried and Clerk Bartlett read in its entirety

ORDINANCE NO. 540

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF "PIN GAMES", "PINBALL GAMES", "MARBLE GAMES", "ONE SHOT MARBLE GAMES", "HORSE RACE MACHINES", "CLAW MACHINES", AND AUTOMATIC PAY-OFF MACHINES IN PLACES OF BUSINESS OR OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT IN SAID CITY; DECLARING ANY SUCH DEVICE AND EQUIPMENT TO BE A NUISANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF; AND MAKING THE VIOLATION HEREOF PUNISHABLE AS A MISDEMEANOR.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 540. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Discussion followed, with Councilman Powell stating the ordinance was not sufficient to meet the wishes of the citizens. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that copies of both ordinances be made available for the interested groups and that they be so advised by letter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 541

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 541 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 542

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 542 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF DEADLY
OR DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 543 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion was had between the City Manager and the Councilmen on the new street lights in the downtown area, and the cost to the City per standard. Councilman Drale moved the City Manager be authorized to increase his present order of lights for Torrance Blvd. from four to eight. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. At the suggestion of Mr. Stevens, and Councilman Spelman, Chief Stroh advised that the most important intersections on Torrance Blvd. are Sartori, Cota, Portola and Amapola.

Councilman Blount read Rule 3, of Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and then moved that Rule 2, Section 8, of said Rules and Regulations be amended to include the following: "A true copy of the minutes of the Personnel Board shall be forwarded forthwith to the City Council." He stated that since all the other Commissions provided copies of their minutes to the Council, he saw no reason the Civil Service Board should not do likewise. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Blount then read Rule 6, Section 2, of said Rules and Regulations and moved the Section be amended to read: "The Personnel Board, with the approval of the City Council, shall call examinations when existing or expected vacancies in positions in the competitive service are to be filled." Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale advised that Milky William Local #1414 had sent a letter to the President of Columbia Steel at San Francisco urging that parking facilities be provided for the mill employees. He moved that the City Manager be authorized to write a letter to Mr. Kresse, at the local mill, relative to parking conditions in the vicinity of Columbia Steel and stating that present conditions were hazardous and a nuisance to residents in the area. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Councilman Powell moved the City Manager be authorized to enter into negotiations for the purchase of available land in the Seaside Ranchos area for a park. In answer to inquiry as to funds for such a project, City Manager Stevens advised \$14,000 had been set up in the Public Works Improvement Fund for recreation improvement and that the money would have to come from that fund. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman asked Chief Stroh if the installation of a few four-way stops on Torrance Blvd. would aid the traffic problem and was advised that poor illumination, not speed, was the cause of most of the accidents. Councilman Spelman advised the audience that in agenda meeting, a survey of the cost of traffic signals for Torrance Blvd. had been ordered.

Mayor Haggard introduced Ex-City Attorney John McCall, who congratulated the Council on the fine work they were doing -- "and doing for nothing".

Rev. England expressed his appreciation for the action taken by the Council toward the elimination of pinball games.

Councilman Drale advised that a luncheon meeting was being planned for Rep. Vincent Thomas, at which time the condition of 174th St. (a State highway) would be discussed, and invited the Council to be present.

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Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:07 p.m., Councilman Blount moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

***INSERT (for page 394 - under Ordinance 539)

made by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale seconded the motion.